

**REMARKS**

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated March 20, 2008. The Applicant respectfully urges the case is now in condition for allowance and requests issue of a notice of allowance. To the extent any objections or rejections may still be applicable they are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1-12 and 14-23 are pending in the case.

Claims 14 and 22 have been amended as discussed below.

***Claim Objections***

At paragraph 2 of the Office Action, claims 14 and 22 were objected to as containing various informalities. The Applicant has corrected these informalities in accord with the Examiner's suggestions and accordingly believes these claims should now be non-objectable.

***Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph***

At paragraph 3 of the Office Action, claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph in relation to the antecedent basis requirement. Specifically, the Examiner cites to the phrase "said ARP table" in lines 7-8 of claim 14.

The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this rejection. Line 1 of claim 14 recites "An ARP table." Thus, when lines 7-8 of claim 14 refer to "said ARP table" they are supported by line 1. Accordingly, the claim is believed to satisfy the antecedent basis requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

***Double Patenting***

At paragraphs 4-5 of the Office Action, claims 1-5, 10-12 and 14 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1 and 5 of Pearce et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,556,574 (hereinafter "Pearce") in view of Kawafuji et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,999,536. (hereinafter "Kawafuji").

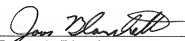
The Applicant files a terminal disclaimer herewith over Pearce and accordingly believes the double-patenting rejection is now moot.

Should the Examiner believe telephonic contact would be helpful in the disposition of this Application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned attorney at (617) 951-2500.

In summary, all the independent claims are believed to be in condition for allowance and therefore all dependent claims that depend there from are believed to be in condition for allowance. The Applicant respectfully solicits favorable action.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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